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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN INCREASES DUTY ON AFGHAN FRUIT

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1. AMONG THE NEW REVENUE MEASURES IN THE JUST-PASSED
GOP BUDGET FOR FY 75/76, IS A SALES TAX OF TWENTY PERCENT
ON IMPORTED FRUIT. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO AN EXISTING
62 PERCENT CUSTOMS DUTY.

2. AT A RECEPTION ON JULY 14, AFGHAN CHARGE' SHERZOY
WHO IS GENERALLY SENSITIVE ABOUT THE POLITICAL MOTIVES
BEHIND ANY GOP MOVE, TOLD ECONOMIC COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR
THAT THE TARIFF FELL SQUARELY ON HIS COUNTRY SINCE FRUIT
REPRESENTED AFGHANISTAN'S MAIN EXPORT ITEM TO PAKISTAN.
HE IMPLIED THAT THE DUTY WAS POLITICALLY MOTIVATED.
HE DID NOT KNOW HOW THE DUTY WOULD AFFECT AFGHAN-PAK
TRADE.

3. GOP STATISTICS INDICATE THAT IN FY 73/74 PAKISTAN
IMPORTED FROM AFGHANISTAN \$19 MILLION WORTH OF GOODS,
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AS AGAINST PAKISTAN EXPORTS TO AFGHANISTAN OF \$8.3

MILLION. OF THESE IMPORTS, FRESH FRUIT CAME TO \$5.8 MILLION
(44 PERCENT), REPRESENTING VIRTUALLY ALL SUCH IMPORTS BY PAKISTAN.
IN FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF FY 74/75 (JULY THROUGH FEBRUARY),
FRESH FRUIT IMPORTS FROM AFGHANISTAN WERE \$6.9 MILLION
(37 PERCENT) OUT OF TOTAL IMPORTS FROM THAT COUNTRY OF \$18.5
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